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To Whom It May Concern:

The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC) encourages all potential grant applicants who plan to apply for federal funding beginning January 1, 2009, to make sure that their agency has a Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and Central Contractor Registration (CCR). These new requirements are in preparation for the implementation of the **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006** (Transparency Act) which takes effect January 1, 2009.

Verify whether or not your agency has a DUNS number and a current registration in CCR. If your agency does not have a DUNS number, and/or is not currently registered in CCR, begin these processes now due to the time required to complete these. As of January 2009, without a DUNS number and a current registration in CCR, the MBCC will not be able to accept an application or make an award of federal funds to an entity.

To obtain a DUNS number online, go to the DUNS registration website at <http://fedgov.dnb.com> or call the Dun & Bradstreet hotline at 1-866-705-5711. You will receive a DUNS number at the conclusion of your phone call. There is no cost associated with obtaining a DUNS number. Your DUNS number is required as part of registration with CCR.

Review the CCR handbook at www.ccr.gov before registering with CCR. Gather the necessary information prior to starting the registration process. This could take several weeks. Allow 30-60 minutes to complete the registration. To register with CCR, go to www.ccr.gov. Click on Start New Registration on the left navigation bar. Contact the CCR Assistance Center at 1-888-227-2423 or 1-269-961-5757 with any questions. Once you have completed the online CCR registration, please allow ten (10) business days to receive your valid registration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland M. Mena".

Roland M. Mena
Executive Director